

County, Local Developer Receives Two Years Jail Time for Extortion

by James Giese

Greenbelt and Prince George's County developer Daniel I. Colton was sentenced to two years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for conspiracy to commit extortion and to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission. The sentence was announced on May 13 by U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte at the U.S. Southern Maryland District Courthouse in Greenbelt, according to a May 13 press release of the office of the U.S. Attorney General Maryland District. Messitte also entered an order that Colton pay a \$50,000 fine.

The release provided the following outline of events leading to this conviction:

"According to court documents, in early 2006, FBI [Federal Bureau of Investigation] and IRS-CI [Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation]

agents began investigating allegations of corruption, campaign finance violations and tax fraud related to several real estate developers in Maryland and their relationships with Prince George's County officials. The investigation uncovered a far-reaching corruption scheme centered around a 'pay to play' culture in the county, orchestrated by then County Executive Jack Johnson and other public officials, in which real estate developers, including Colton, and business owners provided things of value to public officials and their surrogates in return for official acts.

Colton was a prominent developer in Prince George's County. Colton and other co-conspirators, including developer Patrick Ricker and retired Prince George's County Fire Department official Karl Granzow, had an ownership interest in Greenbelt Metropark,

which sought to design, develop and build a mixed-use project near the Greenbelt Metro Station, called Greenbelt Station. Colton, Ricker and their co-conspirators also had an interest in Day Homes, which was incorporated to construct single family homes in Maryland and was involved in several development projects in the county.

"According to Colton's guilty plea and court documents, from 1997 through at least September 11, 2008, Colton, Ricker, Granzow and other business persons offered money, trip expenses, meals, drinks, hotel rooms, airline tickets, rounds of golf, employment, mortgage payments and monetary and in-kind campaign contributions to state and local government officials, including former Director of Prince

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Management and FOP Impasse in Council's Lap

by James Giese

A first is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 when the Greenbelt City Council is to conduct an impasse hearing due to the failure of city management and the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32 (FOP) to reach agreement during collective bargaining. In establishing a Labor Code (Article VIII of Chapter 13 Personnel of the Greenbelt Annotated Code) in 2007 that led to the city's recognition of the FOP as a recognized employee organization for collective bargaining purposes, council provided only one further step to resolve any impasse in collective bargaining and that is for the matter to come before council at a formal impasse hearing. According to the Labor Code, council establishes the date, time and place of all hearings and is authorized to administer oaths, issue subpoenas to compel the

attendance of witnesses and issue subpoenas to compel the production of documents and other tangible evidence. In reaching its decision, council may take into consideration any factors it considers significant.

Decisions of council are final. However, other provisions of the Labor Code permit the FOP to seek mediation with a labor commissioner or court action on a claim of unfair labor practice and lists as an unfair labor practice "Fail or refuse to negotiate in good faith with a certified employee organization." The Labor Code prohibits employee strikes and management lockouts.

Not surprisingly, the basic disagreement is over the amount and form of compensation. City Manager Michael McLaughlin lists as a second issue a proposal

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City Miscellaneous, Other Accounts Showing Effects of Belt Tightening

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's annual cycle of budget worksessions has drawn to a close for 2014. A budget worksession was held on April 2 to review those sections of the budget covering Miscellaneous Funds, Other Funds and the Capital Projects Fund. A recurring theme during the meeting was the potential future impact on city infrastructure of current reductions to the tax-supported General Fund and the limitation of fund transfers to necessary replacement, capital and other projects.

All councilmembers except Konrad Herling were present, as were City Manager Michael McLaughlin, City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams, Recreation Assistant Director Joseph McNeal, Museum Director Megan Searing Young and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

The budget review began with "Miscellaneous Funds." These include sections of the budget covering Grants and Contributions, the Greenbelt Museum, Non-Departmental expenditures and Fund Transfers.

Meals on Wheels

"Grants and Contributions" includes funds awarded to organizations that are neither city groups nor recreation groups operating in the city. For the last eight years, the city has contributed to Meals on Wheels of College Park (MOW), which serves Greenbelt. Last year the city contribu-

tion was raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000, an amount continued in the proposed budget.

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened this topic by saying his recollection was that last year's meeting had been rather grim since the county had substantially cut MOW's budget.

Representing MOW was Intake/New Member Coordinator Lisa Ealley. She conveyed the news that Don Byrd, representing MOW at these meetings in the past, had died last July. At last year's meeting, he had reported the county's cut to their budget.

Ealley said although county funding had been partially restored this year, it was still below prior levels. In addition, this year the county did not provide funding for emergency snow kits, which provide extra food to tide people over in bad weather when MOW is closed.

Meals on Wheels has one paid staff member. The rest are volunteers, most of whom, Ealley said, are old enough to be recipients of service. Greenbelt continues to be MOW's largest service area, and Ealley said funding the city has provided has been greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Byrd told council last year that MOW had not received funding from the discretionary monies in County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's office. This year, Ealley said, MOW applied and

advanced to the second step but would have needed paid staff to complete the detailed application to the Community Foundation for Prince George's County, which administers the funding. The county offered MOW \$15,000 for consultants to help strengthen the organization but, according to Ealley, MOW believes that is not the type of support they need at this time.

Supporting Letter

The city council offered to provide a letter of support for MOW's future applications to the county. Councilmember Ed Putens speculated that perhaps they are given lower priority in going through Turner's office because the organization is located in College Park, which is not in her district.

Ealley said that circumstance is explained in the application but that MOW will definitely get in touch with the city when they next apply. She confirmed that they have received funding from Councilmembers Eric Olson and Mary Lehman, in whose districts MOW also provides service.

According to Kathy Selzer, chairperson of MOW, who was contacted after the meeting, Greenbelters who wish to support the Meals on Wheels that serves Greenbelt residents should be aware that Meals on Wheels of College Park is not affiliated

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Jessica Alvarenga Wins Craig Four-year College Scholarship

by Doug Mangum

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) selected Jessica Alvarenga as this year's scholarship award winner. On Thursday, May 15, Jessica became the 29th recipient to receive the \$10,000 award on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) stage.

Alvarenga, a bilingual student, had many academic and extracurricular achievements at ERHS. As a gifted student in the highly competitive Science and Tech program, she has been on the Hispanic honor roll and has tutored other students enrolled in this rigorous program. She has been a four-year member of the ERHS soccer team (the Lady Raiders); a soccer coach for kindergarten students for the Col-



PHOTO BY LIFE TOUCH

Jessica Alvarenga

lege Park Boys and Girls Club; a leader in her youth group at St. Marks; and a member of the

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 24

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Tuesday, May 27

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building Library

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015, followed by a Regular Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 28

7 p.m., Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, Room 111

7 p.m., Collective Bargaining Agreement Impasse Hearing, Municipal Building

Letters

Learn About Cable Franchise Fees

For those interested in learning more about the cable franchise fees referenced in recent letters to the editor, please see the overview of the Evolution of Cable Television on the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) website. (<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/evolution-cable-television>)

As noted in the section on State and Local Regulation of Cable Systems, local franchising authorities, such as the City of Greenbelt, “may use the money collected from this [franchise] fee for any purpose.” Further, this FCC overview indicates local franchising authorities “may require cable operators to provide services, facilities and equipment” for use of public, educational or government (‘PEG’) use. “However, there is no obligation to do so. If there is a federal statute restricting the use of franchise fees (versus the PEG fees) for public or municipal access, it would be helpful for Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) to provide the specific reference. (Note, neither the Greenbelt city manager nor the Public Information and Communications Coordinator are aware of any such restriction on the city’s use of franchise fees.)

The Greenbelt City Council has been very generous to GATE, particularly with the substantial increase in the dollar amount of the franchise fee contribution over the past several years. It is my hope the Greenbelt City Council will take into consideration other needs throughout the city before adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

Molly Lester

Gubernatorial Primary Just around the Corner

On Tuesday, June 24, Maryland will hold its Gubernatorial Primary Election. For those not already registered, the deadline to register to vote in the primary or to change party affiliation or other information is Tuesday, June 3. On the Democratic ballot, some of the contested elections include the races for Governor and Lt. Governor, State Attorney General, State Delegates, County Councilmember, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Sheriff. Republicans will have choices only in the Gubernatorial and Congressional Representative races.

Registering to vote requires being a U.S. citizen, a resident of Maryland and at least 16 years old. While a 16-year-old can register, only those who will have turned 18 by the next General Election on Tuesday, November 4 may vote in the primary. Other restrictions relate to mental stability and certain legal convictions.

Partisan Primaries

The two major parties are required to hold primaries to select candidates to run in the general election. Although it is up to the parties to decide who can vote in their primaries, generally only a registered voter affiliated with the Democratic or Republican party may vote in that party’s primary. An unaffiliated or independent voter who wants to vote in the primary must change party affiliation by June 3.

School Board

Unaffiliated voters sometimes have the opportunity to vote in the primary in non-partisan school board races, which also appear on both Democratic and Republican primary ballots. But don’t lose any time looking for Greenbelt’s District 2 candidates for school board in June. Only two candidates filed to run for the Board of Education in District 2: Greenbelt resident and incumbent Peggy Higgins and

her challenger, Lupi Grady of College Park. Look for them in November, when they both will have automatically advanced to the general election ballot.

How to Register

There are several ways to meet the June 3 deadline for registering to vote or changing election data, including party affiliation. The easiest way, for those with a computer and a Maryland driver’s license or Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) identification card, is to go to the state’s online voter registration system at elections.state.md.us and click on voter services.

Mailing a hard-copy voter registration form to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774 will also do the job. Or stop by and see the board’s new offices! Registered voters can also change information on these forms.

Getting a Form

How to get a form? Count the ways! Print one from the web site given above. Call the Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 and ask to have one mailed. Stop by a public library, an MVA office or the Greenbelt City Office.

Information on absentee and early voting in the primary will be coming to this space soon.

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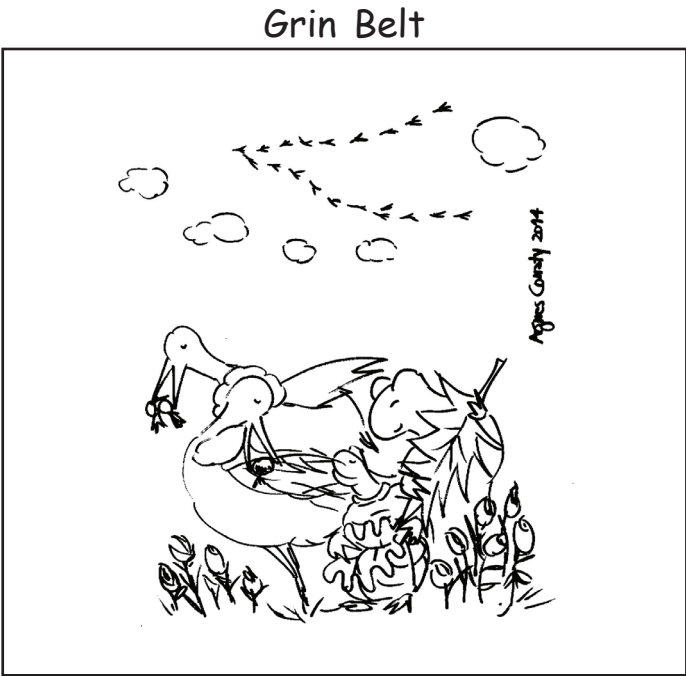
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Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Friday, May 23 John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by The Vibe Collective, a Latin jazz and Afro-Cuban jazz group, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 there will be a Jazz Jam from 1 to 5 p.m. with Greg Meyer. Bring an instrument and join in or sit, listen and enjoy. From 4 to 6 p.m. the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Jazz Band will perform outside in Roosevelt Center. Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Andy Poxon Band, featuring 18-year-old Andy Poxon’s blazing guitar, will play from 8 to 11 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

On Sunday, May 25 the weekly Deaf Brunch is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m., The Petrified Pickers will perform bluegrass and country classics. Reservations are also recommended for this Café favorite.

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Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sun., May 25th & Wed., May 28th
8:00 PM

“Kinderblock66: Return to Buchenwald”,
“Charles Herbert Flowers Interview”

on Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.
Channels Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19



GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning, Aerotech Gutter, & Gilbert Construction will begin spring gutter cleaning and inspections the week of May 26th.

This week, work will be in this approximate area:
Crescent Courts 52-73; Plateau Place Courts 1-12; Research Courts 1-9

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.



Congratulations to:

- Billy Villiard and Alli Cramp-ton, who welcomed Vance Owen on April 24, 2014. Vance, who weighed in at 7 lb., 2 oz. at Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury, is the grandson of Jennifer HysAn of Ridge Road and Marc Villiard of Chesapeake Beach.
- Lester and Beverly Whitmer, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They have lived in Greenbelt the whole time. Best wishes to them!
- new University of Maryland, College Park graduate Sequoia Austin, with a B.S. in biology. She has been a member of the “Lady Terps” women’s U-MD basketball team for four years and made the trip to the Final Four with them. She is the daughter of Jessica Austin and Cristiann Videz and granddaughter of Margaret Austin.
- new Towson University graduate Amanda Dorsey, with a B.S. in early childhood education, the daughter of Frank and Linda Dorsey and granddaughter of Mary Jo and the late Donald Dorsey.
- new Arizona State University graduate Elizabeth N. Thomas with a B.S. in anthropology, the daughter of Jacqueline McFarland and Ronald Thomas and sister of News Review staffer Erika Thomas and granddaughter of this reporter.
- new St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Penna., graduate Ryan Vu Nguyen, with a B.S. in Marketing and a B.S. in Finance.

More graduations will be reported in the coming weeks. Please call Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892 with your Greenbelt graduate’s information.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Refuge Offers Night Hike

On Saturday, May 24 from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract offers a night hike for ages 10 and over to look and listen for owls.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.





Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

MusicFest Fundraiser At Café for Mizeur

Maryland Delegate Heather Mizeur is a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary June 24 with Delman Coates as her running mate for lieutenant governor.

Greenbelt friends of Mizeur and Coates are organizing a Heather Mizeur MusicFest Fundraiser at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. They intend to do it, not by selling expensive tickets but the “New Deal Café Way,” with tips and donations on the spot. The event is open to all; the afternoon will include good music, along with available, delicious Café food, cold beer and wine.

Email Michael Hartman at michaelhartman23@gmail.com or call 301-345-2234 for details.

Greenbelt Concert Band Performs

On Sunday, June 1 from 3 to 4 p.m., the Greenbelt Concert Band will give a free concert at the Greenbelt Community Center. The band is composed of local musicians who love making music and serve the community by providing concerts that expose the audience to a wide range of musical genres. Among the tunes planned for Sunday are La Forza Del Destino by Verdi, Ballad for Peace by Erickson and Trombone Troubadours by Bennett.

For details visit Facebook or www.greenbeltconcertband.org.

In Memoriam William T. Lane

William T. Lane, Bill to his friends, served as our chief of police for two decades, from 1964 to 1984. Greenbelt was a very different place 50 years ago, as was the department, as you might imagine. When Chief Lane was appointed, the department consisted of about a dozen officers and six or so civilians. However, the chief had a vision and was the architect of what the department was to become.

The city was about to undergo quite an expansion during his tenure and the department needed to grow as well. By the time the chief retired the agency had more than doubled in size and services offered to the community.

One of the things of which he was most proud was the Public Safety Day hosted by the department in conjunction with National Police Week. During that event, which was a public/private partnership with Beltway Plaza and the American Legion before such relationships were trendy, TV and movie stars were invited to town to pay tribute to our first responders.

The occasion was so successful that it brought Chief Lane in contact not only with entertainment celebrities but also chiefs of state such as George Herbert Walker Bush who was vice president at the time. Moreover, it brought a bit of recognition to



the city which up until that time was a sleepy little enclave along the two-lane Greenbelt Road.

From my perspective, a major factor in Chief Lane’s success, being a former Marine, was his effort to expand the department by hiring military veterans. When the Vietnam era was drawing to a close, there were many young people in search of gainful employment. Most of the officers hired during his time were veterans whose experience serving our country well-prepared them for the discipline required in police work.

Chief Lane ran the department as you might expect a Marine

sergeant would. He was strict but fair and counseled or picked on, depending on one’s perspective, everyone equally. He certainly had the opportunity to point out the error of my ways on many occasions, in fact. I remember those counseling sessions well and like to think that he had a hand, significantly so, in my eventual rise to chief.

Bill Lane made an indelible mark on the department. His direction and guidance was integral to its growth in size and professionalism. He was an advocate for education and training which resulted in the majority of our officers obtaining college degrees and advanced police technical training during his tenure. He was the right person in the right place to set the department on the course it takes today, 30 years since his departure. Quite a legacy, indeed.

On behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt, the men and woman of the police department, thank you, chief, for the 20 years of dedicated service that created the foundation of the department. Your efforts will never be forgotten nor unappreciated by those fortunate enough to have served with you.

– Chief James Craze
Greenbelt Police Department



We will be collecting unneeded bicycles for donation to Bikes For the World on Sunday June 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Greenbelt City Building.

More Info at www.bikesfortheworld.org

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“Finally, brothers, whatever is **TRUE**, whatever is **HONORABLE**, whatever is **JUST**, whatever is **PURE**, whatever is **LOVELY**, whatever is **COMMENDABLE**, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

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Guest Preacher Rev. Gretchen Weis with Ken Redd, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration; guest pianist Deni Foster and a Flute Quartet

A poet offers three simple instructions for living in this world: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it. We become what we pay attention to, the poet warns. Our observations and curiosity continue to make and remake us. When we take the time to pause and shake our senses fully awake, we open our hearts to rich, profound levels of experiencing wonder, mystery and awe. We are transformed.





City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING/2nd PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2015 BUDGET
Tuesday, May 27 2014 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Maryland Municipal League “If I Were Mayor” District Winner and Finalists
- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation
- Peace Month Proclamation

Public Hearing-FY 2015 Budget

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

- Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2014-1 (Re-Installation of the Basketball Rims at Mandan Field)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of 15,000 sf of Pavedrain Blocks to Be Installed at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot as Part of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funded Project Entitled “Greening Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot” From Emco Site Solutions, of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a Cost Not To Exceed \$60,000. -1st Reading
- A Resolution to Negotiate for Construction Services for the Installation of Pavedrain Blocks at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot as Part of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funded Project Entitled “Greening Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot” from Ivy Hill Land Services, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$143,338.56 -1st Reading
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Projection, Assistive Listening, Vision Assist and Networking Equipment for the Greenbelt Theater with Cardinal Sound and Motion Pictures Systems, Inc. of Elkridge, Maryland at a Cost of \$108,460 -1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Award
- Speed Camera Update
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2014
- Council Reports
- * 19. Reappointment to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 27-31

Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, Municipal Building Library, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green Aces) and GREEN TEAM**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 111.

Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00pm, **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IMPASSE HEARING**, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

Annual Not For Seniors Only-Use Your Voice

This free seminar helps attendees learn tips about when and how to speak up more effectively for yourself, friends or family when dealing with medical institutions.

Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 1:00- 3:00 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 201

Sponsored by the Greenbelt City Council’s Senior Citizens’ Advisory Committee



GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER KITTEN SHOWER!

Saturday, May 24
10am-2pm

Greenbelt American Legion
6900 Greenbelt Rd.

The City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter is expecting kittens. Help us prepare by coming to the Kitten Shower. \$5 Donation FOOD, FUN, & GAMES!!

GIFT REGISTRY: cat beds, fleece blankets, towels, kitten food:Authority or Friskies brand, Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR) powder, kitten bottles, toys, heating pad, kitten/cat collars, litter, litter boxes, cat carriers (hard plastic) cat trees, dish detergent, laundry detergent, canned pumpkin, mineral oil, Feliway, cat nail clippers, and monetary donations.

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Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

PUBLIC HEARING for

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2014-2015 REVENUES

Taxes	\$19,495,200
Licenses & Permits	1,565,300
Revenue from Other Agencies	1,094,600
Service Charges	2,149,800
Fines & Forfeitures	651,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	209,100
Interfund Transfers	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,195,000

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$2,721,400
Planning and Community Development	911,600
Public Safety	10,092,300
Public Works	3,111,500
Social Services	924,800
Recreation and Parks	5,073,700
Miscellaneous	216,200
Non-Departmental	1,068,500
Fund Transfers	1,075,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$25,195,000

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,100,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	555,300
Replacement Fund	247,000
Special Projects Fund	139,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$2,041,300

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,269,400
2001 Bond Fund	1,210,800
Community Development Block Grant Fund	168,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$2,748,200

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,441,800
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or e-mail the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000. Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, May 24th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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Info: 301-474-8308

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Meeting of the Greenbelt Ethics Commission will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a possible conflict of interest matter of an appointed individual.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 26th

- Monday Route will be collected on Tuesday
- Tuesday Route will be collected on Wednesday
- Wednesday Route will be collected on Thursday
- Thursday Route will be collected on Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, May 30th.

Gear up for Greenbelt Day Weekend!

Schedule is posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Look for it in next week’s News Review!

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George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development James Edward Johnson. “During much of the conspiracy, from 2001 through 2004, Colton was serving a 38-month federal sentence arising from his convictions in federal court in Greenbelt for conspiracy and bank fraud, related to several development projects in Maryland and a loss to the victim bank of \$15 million to \$20 million.

“In exchange for the bribes, state and local officials performed and agreed to perform favorable official actions for Colton, Ricker, Granzow and other developers, business owners and their companies, including obtaining approval letters for the Greenbelt Station Detailed Site Plan; assisting in the acquisition of surplus property and land from the county for development by Day Homes; providing the conspirators with non-public county information; obtaining necessary state and local approvals and permits for Greenbelt Station and other developments and businesses in the county; voting in favor of legislation favorable to their development projects; and ensuring that a certain developer would obtain a contract to purchase certain buildings for the county.

“State and local officials concealed items they received from Colton and his co-conspirators by failing to report them or by misrepresenting their nature and value. Further, Colton and his co-conspirators concealed campaign contributions to the state and local officials that were above state and federal legal limits by using conduits and in-kind contributions. Specifically, Colton and his co-conspirators recruited “straw donors,” including family members and employees, to make state and federal campaign contributions with funds provided by or reimbursed by Colton and his co-conspirators. Colton and his co-conspirators also provided in-kind contributions to conceal the actual amount of their campaign contributions, such as campaign signs, food, alcohol and the administrative services of their employees and family members.

“During the scheme, Colton, Ricker, Granzow and others conspired to provide between \$400,000 and \$1 million in bribes to public officials in return for official action. Colton pleaded guilty under seal to the charges on September 13, 2010.”

Other Convictions

The press release states that a total of 17 persons have now been convicted in the related investigations of corruption in Prince George’s County. These include former Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson, who received the longest sentence of up to 87 months. Johnson’s wife, Leslie, a former State’s Attorney and County Councilmember, also was found to be involved and was convicted.

An associate of Colton in Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, and other ventures, Patrick Q. Ricker, was sentenced by Judge Messitte on November 16, 2012, to one year and a day in prison. He was also ordered to pay restitution of \$250,000.

History of Metropark

Greenbelt Metropark, LLC was formed to develop the A. H.

Smith family former sand and gravel property located south of the proposed Greenbelt Station development of the current parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro station, an area now known as the South Core of Greenbelt Station.

Currently housing is under construction by a new developer, Woodlawn Development, in the South Core with access off Greenbelt Road near the bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks.

The conspiracy is alleged to have taken place between 1997, when the Greenbelt Station development was first proposed, to 2008, including the more than three years when Colton was imprisoned. This imprisonment was related to land transactions Colton had undertaken with a partner, Dennis Laskin, between 1989 and 1992.

Not long after completion of his sentence for conspiracy and bank fraud (“through 2004” according to the Attorney General’s Office release), Colton began undertaking an active role in negotiations for development approval by city staff and council for Greenbelt Metropark. Colton met with council as early as February 2005.

City Lawsuit

At the time Colton began as spokesperson for Greenbelt Metropark, the Greenbelt Station project was stalled by a lawsuit filed by the city which had successfully challenged approvals rendered on the project by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. While the North Core was within Greenbelt city limits, the South Core, consisting of most of the land between Franklin Park and the CSX Railroad tracks, was unincorporated (not within a municipal corporation).

In early 2005 Colton let it be known that owners of Greenbelt Metropark would be willing to annex the property to the city in return for assistance in financing some of the public improvements required. In particular, these included the north-south connector road through the South Core. Eventually the city and Greenbelt Metropark reached agreement and the South Core became part of the city.

Development was just getting underway in 2008 when the housing and building market collapsed. Between the FBI-IRS investigation and the bad housing market, Greenbelt Metropark filed for bankruptcy and Sun Trust Bank took possession of the South Core property.

In 2012, NVR, Inc. acquired the property, renegotiating some provisions of the annexation agreement with the city prior to sectioning off portions of the property to other developers, such as Woodlawn, for construction. The first buildings now under construction are visible from Greenbelt Road.

Greenbelt Metropark is only one of several county projects in which Colton and others were involved that relate to the alleged conspiracy. Only county government officials have been charged with being a part of the conspiracy. There is no indication that the FBI and IRS-IC have investigated or are investigating any other public officials who may have had dealings with Colton or others who have been charged and previously convicted.

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with Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. Tax-deductible contributions may be made directly to the College Park organization at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park, MD 20740. For more information on volunteering or donating, visit the website at MOW.yolasite.com or call 301-474-1002.

The proposed budget also includes a \$1,000 grant, the same as for last year, to The Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc., a reading service for the visually impaired that includes Greenbelt residents among its clients.

Greenbelt Museum

The proposed city budget for the Greenbelt Museum for next year is \$100,500, a less than two percent increase over this year. Megan Searing Young, director of the museum, gave a comprehensive presentation on the museum’s many activities and accomplishments of the past year. She began with support provided by the museum to the Department of Planning and Community Development in winning a Partners in Preservation Grant of \$75,000 for renovation of the lobby area of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Councilmember Judith Davis told Young that the Maryland Municipal League also will be recognizing the community’s success with this project.

Some highlights of the detailed museum presentation included expansion of the “Greenbelt: The First 75 Years” exhibition to include a listening station and other features. This exhibit was also complemented by a collection of 15 oral histories from all parts of Greenbelt conducted by museum intern Ennis Barberry, who will come back to lecture on her project next winter.

The museum also hosted its first paid internship, held by Allison Hartley. This was made possible by Dr. Joseph Sucher’s funding of the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Internship in recognition of his late wife’s role as one of the founders of the museum.

The museum held its second annual Rexford Revue fundraiser in the fall and will hold its second annual Roosevelt Ride, a vintage-themed bicycle ride and picnic in central Greenbelt, as part of Greenbelt Day Weekend this year. The museum’s popular lecture series has also continued this year.

Wayside Panels

Several years ago, wayside panels were designed and installed by the museum in Greenbelt to aid residents and tourists in understanding various sites of interest in the city. Those who have noticed the fading, cracking and general state of disrepair of a number of the panels will be pleased to learn that the museum has been researching more durable materials with which to replace them. Young said that while some of the damage is attributable to the sun, other damage results from vandalism. The content of the panels will not be changed.

Non-Departmental

Non-departmental funds are for miscellaneous and unexpected expenditures not included in departmental budgets. Workers Compensation insurance was moved to this category because of a sharp increase in claims in FY 2011. McLaughlin said that injuries and thus expenditures have dropped to half of what

they had been, premiums are now dropping as well and the city is close to declaring the effort a success.

Also under this category is a proposed two percent cost-of-living adjustment (\$275,000); half of a 20 percent increase in health insurance premiums (\$100,000) with the other half appearing in departmental budgets; \$24,000 to cover anticipated state changes in the minimum wage; and \$30,000 for unforeseen expenses.

Jordan, Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts all expressed concern about the rate of pay and benefits for part-time staff, especially in recreation. McLaughlin said some increase was anticipated in July and January. Davis said she wants the city to look into providing some sick leave for part-time employees.

Regarding class instructors who are not city employees, Roberts said he thought if the city upgraded its recreation programs in certain areas, it could then increase fees and compensation for instructors. Assistant Director of Recreation Joe McNeal agreed. He added that the department is in effect already doing some of what Roberts proposed.

Fund Transfers

Fund transfer accounts are used to allocate funds from the tax-supported General Fund to other funds, including the Replacement, Building Capital Reserve, Capital Projects and Debt Service funds. The city manager pointed out that transfers are low and said these levels need to be addressed in the near future.

In his presentation of the budget to council in March, McLaughlin had elaborated on this concern, saying that although the city has funds for immediate needs, the fund transfer reductions already made to reduce the General Fund budget, especially for the upcoming year, will limit the city’s ability to address long-term infrastructure needs and to set aside funds for future needs. He particularly cited the Replacement Fund as a concern because a couple of big items will be coming up soon.

Other Funds

Under “Other Funds” a discussion occurred on a new financial management system listed under Special Projects, for which the city is drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP). City Treasurer Jeff Williams said he expected they will evaluate a new system in the upcoming fiscal year for possible purchase in FY 2016.

Councilmember Silke Pope said she thought this was too long a time period before upgrading. She noted that this area had been targeted in the organizational assessment as needing

attention. Williams said he did not think this was quite as high a priority as the assessment suggested. He said he would like to pursue it with greater deliberation since it will be a very big investment. Pope responded that she thought council was concerned about the pace.

Capital Projects

As is its usual practice, the city council agreed to schedule a worksession in the summer to prioritize capital projects. McLaughlin said he wanted to draw council’s attention to the size of the total budget for projects on the list: \$3.8 million.

Included among them are four large projects scheduled to be done in FY 2015: street resurfacing on Hanover Parkway and on Westway (\$300,000); Springhill Lake parking lot reconstruction, for which National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding has been awarded (\$148,000); the first year of Greenbelt Lake Dam repairs (\$110,000); and construction of a new playground in Belle Point, for which a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant is being sought (\$98,300).

Putens said he also wants to move forward on the project to improve Greenbook trails and pathways, which has languished on the capital projects list for at least 15 years. He said he and the residents affected are tired of waiting for this work to begin.

Former Middle School

During the meeting, McNeal gave a briefing on a meeting he had attended with Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda at the Prince George’s County Public Schools headquarters about the old Greenbelt Middle School. He said they had hoped to meet at the school but could not because of renovation underway. Five former classrooms totaling five to six thousand square feet with two separate entrances are still being held for possible city use.

McNeal said the city has many unanswered questions about the property and status of the work. He said they would like to get inside the school to evaluate it but have not been able to get a commitment for a time to do that.

It appeared both to McNeal and council that the county is focusing on renovating the old part without an effort to restore it. Some councilmembers recalled, however, the county’s not promising to do anything beyond superficial renovation.

Problems range from asbestos to there being only one bathroom in the potential city space. Councilmembers also expressed concern about the condition of the school for the French immersion program at the time of its opening in the fall.

Refuge Bird Walk

On Wednesday, May 28 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge those ages 16+ can search for birds in several refuge habitats on a guided hike.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Potpourri Workshop At Botanic Garden

This free event presented by the Virginia Commonwealth Unit of the Herb Society of America, will take place on Saturday, May 24, 1 to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Potpourri has been created and used for centuries to freshen the air and delight the senses. Sample a variety of aromatic herbs, flowers and spices and learn how to preserve and combine them to create a unique fragrance.

Magnolia Third Grade Receives Dictionaries from Rotary Club

by Demetrice Bettis

On April 9 Leroy Tillery II and Louis M. Pope delivered more than 60 dictionaries to third graders and their teachers at Magnolia Elementary School on behalf of the Rotary Club of Greenbelt. To ensure that all third-grade students in the school receive dictionaries, there were dictionaries left for those students not in attendance.

The donation is part of The Dictionary Project, a program to promote better literacy in America. The Rotary Club delivers dictionaries to third-graders annually in this county and the Greenbelt chapter has been doing it for the last seven or eight years. Pope also said that delivering dictionaries is one of Rotary's many Greenbelt outreach projects. The Greenbelt Rotary also sponsors college scholarship awards.

The students were all very appreciative and Ms. Navarosa's class presented Tillery and Pope with a very large thank you card.



Left to right: Amah Bella Navarosa, teacher; Matthew Kephart; Louis M. Pope, Rotary; Prince Njoku; Simona Dike; LeRoy Tillery, II, Rotary; Victor Akinwande and Ryan Maradiaga.

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Patuxent North Tract Offers Bird Walk

On Saturday, May 24 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract will offer a guided bird walk for all ages in several habitats.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

Chamber Concert

At 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 the National Gallery of Art Chamber Players will perform music by composers from the Czech Republic, Malta, Romania and Slovenia. This free concert will be held in the West Garden Court.

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Police Blotter

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to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

May 10, 5:22 a.m., 7900 Good Luck Road. A man entered the 7 Eleven Store, approached the teller and announced a robbery as he produced a machete-type knife. He fled on foot after obtaining the money. He is described as a bald black man.

Theft

May 7, 6:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Four teenagers, including a 14-year-old Greenbelt resident and 14-, 17- and 18-year-old nonresidents, were arrested for theft after allegedly stealing from a residence they were visiting and then fleeing the scene. The teens were located nearby and property recovered. The 18-year-old was released on citation pending trial, and the remainder were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

May 9, 4 p.m., 8 court Hillside. A purple Schwinn 10-speed bicycle was stolen.

May 10, 11 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. A man's cell phone was stolen after he let another man use it to make a call.

May 11, 11:50 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended tablet computer was taken from Giant Food store.

May 12, 12:05 a.m., 7200 block South Ora Court. A woman pulled into a parking space and exited the vehicle carrying her gym bag when she heard someone running towards her. She dropped the gym bag and re-entered the car while the suspect attempted to force his way in the vehicle and yelled at her to get out. Unable to get into the vehicle, he fled the scene with the woman's gym bag.

Attempted Burglary

May 12, 3:30 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. An unknown person attempted unsuccessfully to enter a residence by tampering with several window screens.

Trespass

May 12, 12:20 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing because he was found on Franklin Square Apartments property after having previously been banned. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

May 8, 7 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A rock was used by an unknown person to break out the sliding glass door of a residence.

May 12, 7 p.m., 100 block West Way. A patio sliding glass door was damaged by an unknown person.

Possession Arrest

May 7, 8:45 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 50-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of heroin and two counts of possession of paraphernalia by officers investigating an assault. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Automotive Crime

A silver 2000 Mercedes Benz SL500, Maryland tags 5AY3555 was reported stolen from 8000 block Mandan Road. A window was broken out and a purse was removed from a vehicle on 7600 Greenbelt Road; another purse was removed from a vehicle at 7600 Greenbelt Road while the owner was pumping gas at the Exxon Station.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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Thursday, May 29, 2 to 7:30 p.m.
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Monday, June 2, 2 to 7:30 p.m.,
Knights of Columbus Bowie, 6111 Columbian Way,
Bowie

Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center West,
Route 1, Building #003,
Beltsville

Monday, June 9, 2:30 to 8 p.m.,
Lions Club of Burtonsville at the Liberty Grove
United Methodist Church, 15225 Old Columbia Pike,
Burtonsville

Friday, June 13, 12:30 to 6 p.m.,
Greenbelt Recreation Department,
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt

Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist,
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- The City has refused this offer and has instead elected to allow the City Council to have final say, undermining all principals of negotiation
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Latino students association. Her athleticism and superior academics earned her a “Minds in Motion” award in each of her four years at the school. She hopes to pursue a bio-engineering degree in college.

Her teachers and counselors are predicting a successful future for Alvarenga. Her school counselor stated that she is a delightful student whose attributes include inquisitiveness, drive and attentiveness. Her coordinator at St. Marks similarly noted that “her greatest strength is without a doubt her organizational skills, her strong attention to detail, her deep commitment to relationships and her personal touch” when dealing with church activities. Finally, ERHS teacher and coach Patrick Gleason noted Alvarenga’s mental strength, reliability and motivation as attributes which made her both a successful student and athlete.

Jessica’s life is supported by a closely woven mother-daughter bond, a bond that was evident the night of the May 15 as Mrs. Alvarenga watched her daughter accept the Fund’s hospitality and heartfelt congratulations. The light shone brightly that night as a proud mom and her soon-to-be-graduate daughter shared a special moment.

Doug Mangum is president of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Kids Nature Program

On Frogs and Toads

On Tuesday, May 27 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., children ages 4 and 5 can take part in the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge’s monthly interactive kids’ nature book series. This month features a book about frogs and toads. Each program in this series begins with an illustrated children’s story about wildlife. Discover more about nature with puppets, props and activities.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Herp Hike Set

At North Tract

Join a refuge naturalist on Saturday, May 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract for a guided hike to search for reptiles and amphibians. This program is for all ages.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the B-W Parkway and Route 32. For details visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

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to change the method for selecting trial boards for actions taken pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights state law. The rights protected include the right to engage in political activities; limitations on the regulation of secondary employment; limitations on the requirement for

officers to disclose property, income and other information; and prohibitions against retaliation for exercising rights protected under this statute.

Local attorney Patrick McAndrew contends that over the past four years the pay for Greenbelt’s sworn officers “has eroded

far more than in other local jurisdictions” and that “the City negotiators have proposed three more years of sacrifice during which the officers would fall even further behind.”

The Greenbelt City Council will have to decide if pay for Greenbelt Police is lagging and

what amount of increase, if any, should be granted; how any such increase will impact upon pay adjustments for other city employees; and how the city will be able to pay for any increases, with the probable unhappy choices being either cutting back on services or raising taxes.

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Garden Program Looks at Ash Borers

The U.S. Botanic Garden will host an important free program on Friday, May 30 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It is titled Emerald Ash Borer – Planning and Management. Experts predict that the insect emerald ash borer will ultimately threaten every ash tree in North America. The emerald ash borer (EAB) has already destroyed more than 100 million ash trees. Proper planning and treatment can help preserve desirable ash trees as well as manage the budgetary impact of removing infested trees.

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2 BR GHI Townhome - Block townhouse just steps from Roosevelt Center. Enclosed porch, hrdwd, flrs. New dining room, w/d, ceiling fans and more.
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Block Townhome - Attached Garage - 2 bedroom GHI home. Remodeled throughout - hardwood flooring on lower level. Very Nice!

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2 Bedroom Townhome - Corner lot tucked away from street. New appliances. Oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Priced to sell at \$112,000

**Your Greenbelt Specialists
In Roosevelt Center**

TJ Maxx Is Now Open at Beltway Plaza Mall

by Altoria Bell Ross

Margaret and daughter Missy Berg of Riverdale got to Beltway Plaza Mall at 6:45 a.m. for it; Jeannette Armstrong drove from Washington, D.C., for it. Clarice Devosier of Hyattsville came because she says it makes a difference. It was the opening of T.J. Maxx at Beltway Plaza on May 18.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Edward Putens joined new T.J. Maxx employees and about 100 shoppers early Sunday morning for the ribbon cutting ceremony and store opening.

“This is fabulous,” Mayor Jordan said. “It is a great day for Greenbelt for jobs and quality shopping.”

T.J. Maxx hired about 60 employees for full-time and part-time positions, said Brittany Welch of T.J. Maxx media relations. She also said when T.J. Maxx opens new stores it looks for areas with the right mix of characteristics, which can include families with children, home ownership, thriving retail areas and locations where shoppers are fashion-conscious, yet value-conscious.

In celebration of its new Greenbelt location, T.J. Maxx presented a \$5,000 donation to Family Crisis Center of Prince George’s County.

After the presentation, Missy Berg who was first in line cut the ribbon, upon which Pharrell Williams’ Happy blared through the loud speakers as store personnel handed out red and white T.J. Maxx shopping bags. Shoppers used those bags to hold the red fortune cookies, candy and water store employees handed out from a table at the entrance.

While shoppers cued up for the treats, a woman and her male companion ran straight into the store bypassing the line screaming, “I love T.J. Maxx.”

Armstrong and Devosier both agreed. Armstrong said she liked the quality of the merchandise, Devosier, the prices.

MVA Holiday Closing

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service and express offices on Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection program (VEIP) stations will also be closed. For more information go to www.mva.maryland.gov.



PHOTOS BY TONY ALLEN



Above, TJ Maxx opening at Beltway Plaza.

At left, shoppers file into the new T.J. Maxx



Lecture Examines Flesh-Eating Plants

The U.S. Botanic Garden will host a free lecture on Saturday, May 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon on The Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants, by Todd Brethauer, science education volunteer.

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CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2014, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 2.2%, from \$1,753,228,385 to \$1,792,069,972.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.805 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 2.2%, resulting in \$312,675 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7876, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.805 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 2.2% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$312,675 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

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